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Apply Early for Student Financial Aid

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (Dec. 24, 2003) — Students wanting college financial aid for the 2004-2005 school year should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1.

The FAFSA is the standard application for most college and trade school financial aid programs, including federal, state and school aid. These funds are limited, and those who apply early have the best chance of receiving all the student aid for which they qualify.

The best way to apply is online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. By filing online, students will get their results 7 to 14 days faster than if they file by mail. Plus, because answers are edited automatically, students will make fewer mistakes and schools will be able to tell them sooner if they qualify for aid.

Students who plan to file electronically should apply now for a Personal Identification Number (PIN). With a PIN, students will not have to mail a signature page, so the FAFSA will be processed even more quickly. To apply for a PIN, visit www.ed.pin.gov.

Students can also file a paper FAFSA, available at college or trade school financial aid offices and high school guidance offices. To complete the FAFSA, parents and students will need the same information they will use on their 2003 federal tax return.

For more information about student financial aid, visit www.alstudentaid.com; write the Alabama Student Loan Program, 110 North Union Street, Suite 308, Montgomery, AL 36104-3761; or phone 334-265-9720 or toll-free (800) 721-9720.